Introduced by Assembly Member Audra Strickland

December 22, 2008

An act to add Section 49069.7 to the Education Code, relating to interscholastic athletics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 81, as introduced, Audra Strickland. Interscholastic athletics: pupils in foster care.

Existing law recognizes that the California Interscholastic Federation is a voluntary organization that consists of school and school-related personnel with responsibility for administering interscholastic athletic activities in secondary schools.

Existing law requires that, with respect to a pupil in foster care, as soon as a county placing agency becomes aware of the need to transfer that pupil out of his or her current school, the county placing agency contact the appropriate person at the local educational agency of the pupil and notify the local educational agency of the date that the pupil will be leaving the school and request that the pupil be transferred out. Existing law further requires that, upon receiving a transfer request from a county placing agency, the local educational agency of the pupil transfer the pupil out of the school and deliver the educational information and records of the pupil to the next educational placement within 2 business days.

This bill would require the California Interscholastic Federation to amend its constitution and bylaws to require that, no later than January 15, 2010, the receipt of the educational information and records of a pupil in foster care who has been transferred pursuant to a court order

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at that pupil's next educational placement pursuant to existing law be deemed to be presumptive evidence that the pupil has had a valid change of residence for the purposes of eligibility for interscholastic athletic activities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49069.7 is added to the Education Code, 2 to read: 3 49069.7. The California Interscholastic Federation shall amend 4 its constitution and bylaws to require that, no later than January 15, 2010, the receipt of the educational information and records 5 of a pupil in foster care who has been transferred pursuant to a court order at that pupil's next educational placement pursuant to Section 49069.5 shall be deemed to be presumptive evidence that the pupil has had a valid change of residence for the purposes of 10 eligibility for interscholastic athletic activities.

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